

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Office Action mailed May 11, 2006 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claim 1-89 and 96-100.

Claim 92 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

**The First 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection**

Claims 90-91 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Kobatake<sup>1</sup>. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Rejected claim 90 has been amended by imparting into it the limitations of objected-to claim 92 which depends from it. Additionally, claim 90 has been amended by adding the word --the-- in its last paragraph as shown:

a first and a second high-voltage circuit portion, said first high-voltage circuit portion coupling the first of --the-- two complementary switched voltage output nodes to...

Claim 91, which depends from allowable claim 90 is therefore allowable.

Claim 92 has been canceled without prejudice or surrender of the subject matter thereof.

Claim 93 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 90 and is therefore allowable.

Claim 94, which depends from allowable claim 93 is therefore allowable and claim 95 which depends from allowable claim 94 is also allowable.

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<sup>1</sup> U.S. Patent No. 5,729,155.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

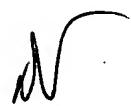
If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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